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*Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, **set your sights** on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.*

zeteo (*set your sights*) is a Greek word that denotes a personal search or quest. This is the same word that is used in Luke 19:10 to describe how Jesus came “to seek and save the lost.” This word describes a **diligent, active and single-minded investigation.**

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Why Does Heaven Matter

Discussion Questions

- 1) What from this Sunday's teaching stood out to you?
- 2) What do you imagine Heaven will be like? What do you think has helped to shape these ideas that you have about Heaven (life experiences, books you've read, movies you've seen or things you've been taught)? Take some time to share these things as a group.
- 3) Re-read Colossians 3:1-4. Consider Paul's encouragement to think about the realities of Heaven and not the things of earth. What do you think Paul means by this? Could it be that he doesn't care about what happens on earth? What might it mean to think about the things of Heaven?
- 4) Are you currently wrestling with a particular struggle, difficulty or pain? Share with your group. How might having a biblically based, vibrant, joy-filled vision of Heaven grant you hope and the strength to persevere even in the middle of your current circumstance? Take some time to pray for each other in this way.

Listening Prayer Questions

Take some time to ask Jesus these 2 questions and see what he has to speak into each individual's current experience.

- 1) Jesus, what, inaccurate (and therefore harmful) thought or picture of Heaven in my thinking do you want to replace with truth?

Share with the group.

Have someone read Matthew 13:44-46, then ask Jesus this:

- 2) Jesus, what am I afraid to surrender or let go of in order that I might be able to pursue greater treasure? What is holding me back from accessing the things of the Kingdom of God right now?

Share with the group.

Take some time to pray for each other. Pray that God would give the strength to each one to let go of the things that hold us back in order that we might receive more of what God has for us.